

FISHERIES

*Protocol signed at Washington June 7, 1873, relating to entry into force
of articles XVIII–XXV and XXX of treaty of May 8, 1871
Entered into force June 7, 1873*

18 Stat. 372; Treaty Series 136

PROTOCOL OF A CONFERENCE HELD AT WASHINGTON ON THE SEVENTH DAY OF JUNE, ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY THREE

Whereas it is provided by Article XXXIII of the Treaty between Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and the United States of America, signed at Washington on the 8th of May 1871,¹ as follows:

ARTICLE XXXIII

The foregoing Articles XVIII to XXV inclusive, and Article XXX of this Treaty shall take effect as soon as the Laws required to carry them into operation shall have been passed by the Imperial Parliament of Great Britain, by the Parliament of Canada, and by the Legislature of Prince Edwards Island on the one hand and by the Congress of the United States on the other. Such assent having been given, the said Articles shall remain in force for the period of ten years from the date at which they may come into operation, and further until the expiration of two years after either of the High Contracting Parties shall have given notice to the other of its wish to terminate the same; each of the High Contracting Parties being at liberty to give such notice to the other at the end of the said period of ten years or at any time afterward.

And whereas, in accordance with the stipulations of the above recited Article, an Act was passed by the Imperial Parliament of Great Britain in the 35th and 36th years of the Reign of Queen Victoria, intituled “An Act to carry into effect a Treaty between Her Majesty and the United States of America.”

And whereas an Act was passed by the Senate and House of Commons of Canada in the fifth session of the First Parliament, held in the thirty fifth year of Her Majesty’s Reign, and assented to in Her Majesty’s name, by the Governor General on the Fourteenth day of June 1872, intituled “An Act relating to the Treaty of Washington 1871.”

¹ TS 133, *ante*, p. 184.

And whereas an Act was passed by the Legislature of Prince Edward's Island and assented to by the Lieutenant Governor of that Colony on the 29th day of June 1872, intituled "An Act relating to the Treaty of Washington 1871."

And whereas an Act was passed by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, and approved on the first day of March 1873,² by the President of the United States, entitled "An Act to carry into effect the provisions of the Treaty between the United States and Great Britain, signed in the city of Washington, the eighth day of May, eighteen hundred and seventy one, relating to Fisheries."

The undersigned Hamilton Fish, Secretary of State of the United States, and the Right Honourable Sir Edward Thornton, one of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Her Britannic Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the United States of America, duly authorized for this purpose by their respective Governments, having met together at Washington and having found that the laws required to carry the Articles XVIII to XXV inclusive, and Article XXX of the Treaty aforesaid into operation have been passed by the Imperial Parliament of Great Britain, by the Parliament of Canada, and by the Legislature of Prince Edward's Island on the one part, and by the Congress of the United States on the other, hereby declare that Articles XVIII to XXV, inclusive, and Article XXX of the Treaty between Her Britannic Majesty and the United States of America of the 8th of May, 1871, will take effect on the First day of July next.

In witness whereof the undersigned have signed this Protocol, and have hereunto affixed their seals.

Done in duplicate at Washington, this Seventh day of June, 1873.

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| HAMILTON FISH | [SEAL] |
| EDWD. THORNTON | [SEAL] |

² 17 Stat. 482.